FOI REF: 26/761

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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding A&E attendances following outdoor slips, trips and falls during the following winter periods:

- **1 November - 29th February 2024**
- **1 November - 28th February 2025**
- **1 November - 28th February 2026**

Please provide the following information for this period:

1. **Total attendances by calendar date of attendance. If daily figures are unavailable or require suppression, please provide monthly totals**

   Please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-761 A&E Atts following Outdoor Falls'.

2. **Number of these attendances resulting in inpatient admission, broken down by month**

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3. **Age and gender breakdowns, provided as separate totals for each winter. Existing age bands are acceptable**

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4. **Number of these attendances associated with recorded ice, snow, rain, wet surfaces or wet leaves, broken down by month where readily available.**

   East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record the information requested above. To enable the Trust to establish if we hold this information would require a manual review of the patient record of every patient identified in question 1, to see if the cause of the slip/trip/fall is recorded, which we estimate would take 210 hours. We are therefore applying Section 12(1) to this part of your request.

> Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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Q1. Total attendance monthly for each winter (Nov - Feb)

Month	2023/24		2024/25		2025/26	
	CONQ	EDGH	CONQ	EDGH	CONQ	EDGH
Nov	65	31	42	94	108	210
Dec	69	42	39	50	110	201
Jan	61	41	70	99	168	236
Feb	54	23	47	158	55	193
Grand Total	**249**	**137**	**198**	**401**	**441**	**840**

Q2. Number of these attendances resulting in inpatients admission by month for each winter (Nov - Feb)

Month	2023/24		2024/25		2025/26	
	CONQ	EDGH	CONQ	EDGH	CONQ	EDGH
Nov	13	1	3	8	11	11
Dec	12	2	6	4	11	8
Jan	8	1	8	3	14	5
Feb	7	1	5	4	4	5
Grand Total	**40**	**5**	**22**	**19**	**40**	**29**

Q3. Age and gender breakdown for each winter (Nov- Feb)

Age Band	2023/24		2024/25		2025/26	
	CONQ	EDGH	CONQ	EDGH	CONQ	EDGH
U18	18	14	16	66	73	171
18-24	6	7	10	20	19	46
25-34	21	8	21	30	50	71
35-44	14	10	11	32	47	48
45-54	22	13	18	27	42	84
55-64	37	21	28	53	66	105
65-74	47	23	30	62	57	115
75-84	56	28	43	68	60	135
85+	28	13	21	43	27	65
Grand Total	**249**	**137**	**198**	**401**	**441**	**840**

Gender	2023/24		2024/25		2025/26	
	CONQ	EDGH	CONQ	EDGH	CONQ	EDGH
F	132	85	100	230	263	404
M	117	52	98	171	178	436
Grand Total	**249**	**137**	**198**	**401**	**441**	**840**